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The Weather

Today: Partly cloudy in morning, cloudy with scattered showers in afternoon; highest temperature 75 degrees; moderate southerly winds. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, cooler.

450 B-29s Hit Yokohama Area With Fire Bombs; Attack Tokyo, Nagasaki

Eden Rues Syria Move By France

Hints Fresh Troops Should Withdraw To Avert Riots

LONDON, May 29 (AP)—With conditions in Syria and Lebanon still showing no signs of improvement, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden hinted broadly today that France should withdraw the reinforcements just sent to the Levant to avoid a possible flareup in the Arab world that would hamper the prosecution of the war in the Far East.

A Cairo report said new incidents had occurred at Aleppo, while police were patrolling the streets of Beirut. Another report said the Syrian Parliament had been called into extraordinary session last night, and in Syria all men between 16 and 65 were told to prepare to be called up.

The dispatch of fresh French troops to the Near East led to recent outbreaks in the area, where the inhabitants are presenting a united front in demanding a showdown with France on their demands for independence.

Small Increase

"The net increase of French troops is very small—about 500 men," Eden told the Commons, "but His Majesty's government told the French government of their fear that their arrival may cause regrettable reactions."

Calling on all parties to behave with caution and prudence, Eden declared that it would be inexcusable if developments in Syria and Lebanon should interfere with fighting the war with Japan.

Britain, he added, was in consultation with the U.S. and French governments.

British Super Bomber To Be Used in Pacific

LONDON, May 29—An new British bomber comparable to the American Superfortress soon will be in use against the Japanese.

The plane, described as bigger and better than the Lancaster, is being produced in Manchester at the Avro works, makers of the Lancaster It has been named the Lincoln in honor of the industrial city in central England.

One German in Ten Cracked, Doc Says

ZURICH, May 29 (INS)—One German in ten is an incurable mental case, Dr. Carl Jung, world-renowned psychologist, believes.

"The German today resembles a drunkard awakening with a willing to know what he has done," Jung said. "The American therapy of conducting the German population to concentration camps and making it see the atrocities committed there is quite correct."

8th AF Bound For the Pacific Under Doolittle

WASHINGTON, May 29 — The U.S. Eighth Air Force, under the command of Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, will be moved from the ETO to the Pacific to join in the all-out aerial assaults against the Japanese the War Department has announced.

Gen. Doolittle, who led the first attack of 18 B25 Mitchells on Tokyo in 1942 and then came to the ETO to command the Britain-based Eight AF, was reported in Washington conferring with Army officials.

Doolittle in Charge Again

Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, Eighth Fighter Command chief, assumed command of the Eighth several weeks ago when Gen. Doolittle left the ETO, but the "Tokyo raider" will command the air force again, it was announced.

The WD said certain ground units of the Eighth were ready to move to the Pacific immediately after V-E Day and some are already on the way. Other units are returning to the U.S. under redeployment and demobilization plans.

"While movement of the Eighth to the Pacific does not necessarily mean that all personnel and units will be part of the new setup," the announcement said, "enough combat-trained personnel will be included to maintain its high experience level."

Personnel From Pools

Additional personnel will be drawn from pools set up in the U.S. to replace men demobilized or given domestic assignments.

The WD said Gen. Doolittle is now prepared to finish the job he started on Japan in April 1942, when he hit Tokyo with his carrier-based B25s, but now he'll be using land-based four-engine bombers with plenty of fighter cover."

It's the Same Anywhere

Cpl. Charles Lissa, of St. Louis, serving with the 27th Div. on Okinawa, scrapes the mud from his shoes after a few minutes' rough going through the goo.
—Associated Press

Lord Haw-Haw, British Traitor On German Radio, Is Captured

WITH THE BRITISH 2D ARMY, May 29 (AP)—William Joyce, the "Lord Haw-Haw" of the Nazi radio, and his wife have been captured, it was officially announced today. Details were not immediately available. The capture of the razor-scarred Joyce marks the climax of the liquidation of the small group of non-German hangers-on of the Nazi party who lent their voices to the Goebbels propaganda machine.

Last heard from Hamburg on April 30 on the eve of Germany's surrender, Lord Haw-Haw had since been the object of an intensive search. In that last broadcast this notorious radio propagandist lost his sarcastic bravado and broke down stuttering, chokingly admitting that the Nazis might be defeated. Experienced radio listeners thought he babbled as if he were drunk.

Born in New York in 1906 of an Irish father and English mother, Joyce was graduated from the University of London in 1927 with honors in English. His face had been slashed in a razor battle with London Communists in 1924.

He joined Sir Oswald Mosley's Fascist group in 1933, becoming director of propaganda. However, he broke with Mosley in 1937 and organized his own National Socialist League, which was disbanded just before the war began.

Joyce went to Germany on Aug. 25, 1939. Unconfirmed reports said he later took out German citizenship.

Even while he was broadcasting for the Nazis and gloating over the terrifyng air attacks on British cities, the Luftwaffe destroyed the home of his father, Michael Joyce, who died in London in February, 1941.

Last Western European Leaves Dachau Horrors

PARIS, May 29—The last western European prisoner was evacuated today from Dachau, the notorious torture and concentration camp near Munich, SHAEF G 5 announced. Eastern European prisoners remaining in the camp are being evacuated as rapidly as possible under the terms of the "Leipzig Plan," formulated by SHAEF and USSR authorities.

The final evacuation of French, Dutch and Belgians numbered 2,503. Two thousand French political prisoners were sent by ambulance to Constance and some by air to Nancy; 400 healthy and 55 sick Belgians were sent by plane to Brussels, and 48 Dutch to Maastricht.

Cover 72 Square Mi. In Record Assault From Marianas

Yokohama, Tokyo's port 18 miles south of the capital, was attacked today by more than 450 Superfortresses, escorted by Iwo Jima-based Mustangs, in the greatest daylight raid yet attempted from bases in the Mariana Islands, the Associated Press reported last night.

"Considerable damage" was admitted by Tokyo radio in quoting the Jap communique which said the incendiary raid lasted an hour and a half and hit areas of Nagasaki and Tokyo as well as Yokohama.

It was the third incendiary raid in six days on Jap mainland objectives. The B-29s hit targets which included virtually all of Yokohama's 72-square-mile urban area. The city is Japan's fifth largest.

Its wharves, which are among the world's largest and accommodate 50,000-ton ships, were among today's targets, as were shipbuilding, aircraft, electrical and communications plants.

Tokyo radio asserted more than 100 fighters accompanied the Superforts, and claimed 30 of the bombers were shot down.

Japs Resist in Burma

Meanwhile United Press dispatches from London said the Japs in Burma were regrouping at several points and offering strong resistance. The enemy is reported to be hurling fanatical bayonet charges in an effort to dislodge British 14th Army troops in the vicinity of Toungoo.

AP reports from Indo-China indicated the Japs had virtually jettisoned their troops in Indo-China, Thailand, Burma and Malaya. One source said a good part of these forces were Koreans and Formosans.

Another said Japs in the Netherlands East Indies were trying to evacuate to the Southeast Asia mainland, but gave no details.

Progress Slow on Okinawa

Weather was beginning to play havoc with operations in the north, where heavy rains along the Okinawa battleline slowed U.S. progress everywhere yesterday, except at the eastern end of the line. There, 7th Div. troops advanced 2,000 yards below Yonabaru.

Constant rain, more than six inches of it since May 19, has washed out three of four bridges thrown over the Asato River into Naha by the 6th Marines.

U.S. Army Will Assist French In Changing Larger Franc Notes

By DAVID L. GORDON
Staff Writer

The exchange of current franc notes for an issue of new paper currency will take place in more than 15,000 disbursing and finance offices during the first half of June, Lt. Col. O. V. Clairborne, fiscal officer, announced yesterday.

The move will be simultaneous with the French government's recall of all present franc notes of a denomination of 50 or above.

It will be necessary that franc notes be exchanged within an allotted time period to be announced, because completion of the operation will terminate the use of the present franc as legal tender.

"Soldiers will be allowed to change old francs for new for any sum of old francs legally acquired," Col. Clairborne said. "However, there will be a close check on francs defined as not legally acquired.

Enough Money

"Careful plans have been made well in advance to take care of everyone and there is sufficient money to cover all exchanges, but as a matter of necessity certain rules must be applied," Clairborne explained.

"For example, some disbursing or finance office may receive large sums of money from individuals. A certain amount of money will be cashed and then the individual may be required to obtain a certificate from his commanding officer stating how the money was acquired.

"I must stress that every soldier will be taken care of. It will require hundreds of soldiers standing in lines at windows which in all probability will be working day and night to take care of them.

"Soldiers may find from the first day of exchange operations that theaters, cafes and night clubs will not readily accept the current issue.

Must Do It Soon

"The most important point is that the soldier must be certain to exchange his notes as soon as possible. He must be sure that the money is legally acquired.

"Soldiers must not go into private banks for exchange but must use the finance and disbursing offices set up for the procedure. New notes have been distributed according to the best possible calculation.

"Units may have set systems for the exchange of notes." Col. Clairborne added, "but the main point to remember is that there is sufficient money for the exchange and anyone not complying, who could do so, will lose out."

Laval, Amid Luxury in Spain, Waits Trial Aware of His Plight

BARCELONA, May 29 (AP)—Pierre Laval, whom France calls her No. 1 war criminal, spends his waking hours in the grim fortress-prison. Mont Juich, high above Barcelona, planning his defense for the treason trial that he expects to stand.

Apparently he has at last realized the gravity of his position. His attitude is vastly changed from what it was on May 5, when he landed in a German plane at the Barcelona airport, seeking refuge from French patriots. He then protested against being imprisoned, and the Spanish government's announcement that it would surrender him to competent United Nations' authority.

But while Laval makes endless notes on the defense that he will use at his trial and listens avidly to all French-language broadcasts about his case, he, his wife, and her son, Bonnard, live in luxury. Spaniards said that the fortress, the scene of many political executions, has never given a prisoner better treatment.

They eat food sent from Barcelona's swanky Ritz hotel, and served by a white-haired waiter, who was assigned to Laval when he surrendered. Laval shows a preference for lobster.

Spanish authorities refused Mme. Laval's request to install a special bathroom. They also refused to send her a hairdresser daily from the Ritz.

The Lavals are quartered in new barracks, built in the prison for officers, but never used before. There are five walls between them and a sheer drop to the sea.

Laval has seen none of his German or collaborationist friends since he surrendered, and the only Spaniards he sees are guards, the military garrison and the waiter who serves him.

On Von Papen

We become a trifle tired of constantly listening to double talk. The fancy, idealistic sounding plans for everlasting world peace have a hollow sound when they do not include the following three points:

1. The complete disarming of the German people and the assurance that never again will they be permitted to manufacture or possess any weapon of war whatsoever.

2. The complete destruction and dismemberment of the German military machine which has made Germany a warlike nation throughout history, and the taking of steps to prevent its rebirth.

3. The punishment of at least the "inner circle" of gangsters for their crimes. We say inner circle because it is evident to us that to punish or exterminate 80 million people is not practical.

We learn of one of the first of the inner circle to be captured: Franz von Papen—the sly fox—who with his oily, lying tongue as a medium made possible the killing, rape and torture of thousands. We, several American soldiers, raise our voices to ask that justice move swiftly to punish this man. We await patiently the 1945 version of "'the shot heard 'round the world,'" indicating that punishment of the true war criminals has begun. This will echo from the firing squad which will speed for the world the departure from it of Franz von Papen.

—Cpl. Eugene L. Mason and Seven Others, 27th Tank Bn.

Propaganda

Because of the way the Germans have used propaganda, the word has taken on an evil meaning. We seem to have forgotten that propaganda means merely the spreading of ideas, and that truth can be propagandized as well as lies.

The Nazi government long spread malicious lies about the reasons for this war, the conquered nations and the opponents of Nazism. Too few of the Germans have been exposed to the other side of the picture. Too few realize the many solemn promises Hitler and Co. have broken. Rotterdam, Lidice and other German crimes are little-known among them. Hence, too few also are the Germans who feel shame for what the Nazis did.

All prisoners should see a special version of our orientation films showing the prelude to and the progress of the war. Every German civilian above the age of 14 should be made to see a similar film. It seems possible that motion pictures, a powerful educational factor, could exercise a wide influence on the Germans.

Film-showings of this type would ease the problems of both American and German representatives trying to establish a new government, by making the Hitler crew seem more like the criminals they are and less like martyrs, as they may be popularly pictured.

—1st Lt. R. H. Arnold, 102d Inf.

Stiff Sentences

It is with growing concern that one notices that the sentences already being handed out to the few Nazi war criminals thus far brought to trial are comparatively mild.

I suggest that to assure adequate sentences being meted out the same courts which slap the sentences on enlisted men be employed. In that way we can be sure that justice will triumph even though the world may be left aghast at the severity of the sentences.

—Ad Nauseam

Major Job in Pacific Is To Bag Jap Planes

Fighting Resembles Battles Against Luftwaffe

PEARL HARBOR, May 29 (INS)—Against the background of fierce fighting on Okinawa and the final mopping up drives in the Philippines, one of the major objectives of our Pacific war has now become the destruction of the Japanese air force.

The fighting resembles the great battles of annihilation against the Luftwaffe begun in February of last year as a preliminary to the Normandy invasion.

But in this fight the Japanese by their suicide tactics, are assisting in the deliberate destruction of irreplaceable planes and pilots. The Japanese are not doing this aimlessly. They hope to cripple and sink so many of our ships that we will be discouraged from future landings on the Japanese main islands.

High Destruction Rate

Thanks to the carrier attacks and the heavy B-29 blows against the enemy's aircraft industry, we are now for the first time destroying planes faster than the Japs can turn them out. Under repeated enemy attacks, our warships are still lying off Okinawa and giving fire support to the ground troops. But the battle of annihilation still goes on, and it may continue as long as the Japanese have a plane that can get into the air and a pilot who is willing to die for his emperor.

Until the Japs began deliberately diving their planes into our ships as one method of attack, the overall efficiency of their air force was questionable.

Their high-level bombing was usually not very accurate, and their dive bombers and torpedo planes frequently missed their targets. A "Kamikaze" plane, with its pilot intent on suicide, is harder to stop. There is really nothing new in the Japanese tactics. They do not constitute a secret weapon. The only new feature is their adoption on such a scale. According to Tokyo radio, nearly every plane the Japanese send out has a Kamikaze mission.

Last Resort

To a large extent, the Japs' adoption of suicide tactics was a confession of the inefficiency of their air force—a weapon of last resort when orthodox methods failed.

Our own conception is that it is sheer military stupidity to waste a costly airplane and a pilot who has taken months to train in a single, one-way flight that probably will not do major damage to the enemy. The idea of deliberate suicide is also foreign to our way of thought.

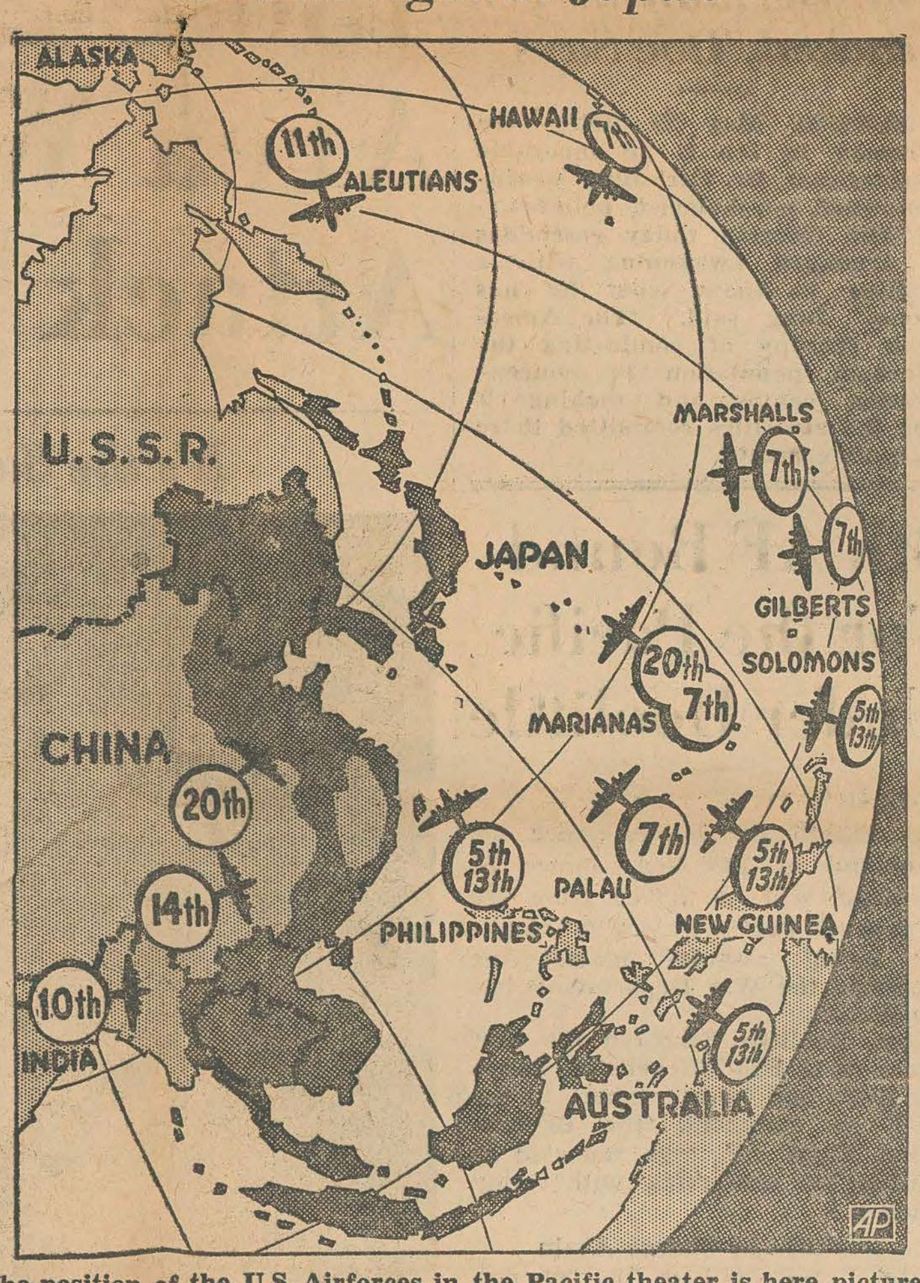
Adm. Arthur D. Struble, commander of a task force of the Seventh Fleet and a veteran of Normandy and Sicily, told me:

"You cannot write of suicide dives as ineffective as long as they damage our ships. Many planes glance off or just miss their targets, on the other hand, casualties from a Kamikaze are some times higher than they would be from a bomb hit. As a rule, though, a hit by a single suicide plane or several planes will not sink a warship."

L. A. Blackout Crew Disbands

LOS ANGELES, May 29 (ANS)—Mayor Fletcher Bowron announced that 2,300 members of the city's volunteer street light blackout crew would disband immediately and be replaced by a skeleton crew of city employees. The volunteers have been on duty three and half years.

Planes Against Japan



The position of the U.S Airforces in the Pacific theater is here pictured as the end of the war in the ETO frees additional power for the job of completing the conquest of the Pacific.

Week in Washington Produces History and Nervous Wrecks

WASHINGTON, May 29 (ANS)—Pass the aspirin, pal. Another week in Washington has made history—and nervous wrecks—like this:

Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau jr. discovered a New York restaurant chain owner who some how mislaid 2,200,000 dollars in cash. If he forgot he had it, how could he pay income tax on it? So Morgenthau asked for 5,000 more internal revenue agents to help remind such forgetful folk and maybe trot 'em to the clink.

The Supreme Court decided that hotels in the capital couldn't charge commissions for dialing long distance phone calls of their long-suffering guests.

In July, whisky makers get going, and auto builders too. The WPB announced that there is an immediate market for 12,000,000 alarm clocks. The first moonlight cruise of the season chuffed down the Potomac, with free dancing on two decks—provided anyone could find room to move.

President Truman, who announced during his first day in office that he would hold press conferences only when he had some news, had some. He got rid of his attorney general, secretary of agriculture and secretary of labor. However, Miss Perkins' celebrated hat, which has three ends, probably will continue to be seen around Washington.

Six miscreants of the press dropped cigarette stubs on the Presidential carpet and Secret Service said that has got to stop. Sen. John J. Overton (D., La.), grilled the capitol architect about the lack of steak in the Senate restaurant. The architect said he'd look into the situation. Overton told him to get some butter, too.

Harry Hopkins landed in Moscow. The draft ended for 30-year-olds. T-Sgt. Jake Lindsey apparently was destined to be the Sergeant York of this war. President Truman decorated him and so did Miss Beverly Hargreaves, with liptstick, all over his kisser.

The U.S. government made a deal in slum real estate, taking over from the Swiss the decrepit German Embassy which contains 103 rooms, a few of which are fit for human habitation. The government also got in the transaction a life-sized portrait of A. Hitler, in sky-blue uniform and a leer.

The Senate lost its nerve about giving itself a raise in salary and took three days off for some private arguing with the House, which already had voted a 2,500 dollar tax-free expense account for every member. The WPB halted publication of 37 comic books and five detective magazines for wasting paper.

T-5 C. R. Sherrill, Jennings, Okla.—Larry Everett, May 14; T-5 Raymond F. Gradfors. Grosse Pointe, Mich.—James Chapin, April 7, W-O. Thomas H. Reynolds, Des Moines—girl, May 5.

F-O Raymond M. Baker, Cannon, Ky.—girl, May 15; Pvt. Gerald Chaszar, Congers, N.Y.—Gerald, May 14; Lt Paul V. Jackson, Chattanooga—girl, March 29.

Sgt. John H. Rich, Austin, Texas—boy, May 17; Cpl. A. F. Chapman, Bladen, Ohio—Dale Franklin, May 18; S-Sgt Andrew Costanzo, New York—Andrew, May 11; Lt Douglas O'Connel, New York—Kathleen Mary, April 30; Capt. John R. Miller, Breston, La.—girl, May 17; S-Sgt. John Farrelly, Bronx—Rosemary, May 12.

Nip Homeland Soon To Feel U.S. Aerial Might

Shuttle Bombing of Cities Matter of Weeks

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, (INS) May 29—The Japanese homeland is faced with the imminent prospect of having an aroused population when America turns the full fury of her aerial might on Japan's crowded cities.

Just how imminent that move is was indicated recently by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who told newsmen, following an inspection of Okinawa, that even fierce enemy resistance has failed to retard conversion of the island into a mighty military base on the doorstep to Japan and China.

Before many weeks go by, American Army, Navy and Marine Corps planes from the Ryukyus should be shuttling the 400-mile aerial route to the Jap mainland in an increasing stream.

It must be remembered, that this potential springboard for aerial blows will be augmented by devastating raids by mighty squadrons of carrier planes plus the growing fleets of Superfortresses from bases in the Marianas.

Worse Than Germany

Thus Japan is in a much worse position today than Germany was six months before the Allies invaded Normandy. The Nazi Luftwaffe at that time still was a powerful factor, whereas Japan's air power has been badly crippled and has been unable to ward off even comparatively minor American aerial blasts at the homeland.

The fact that the Japanese were unable to check either the invasion of Iwo Jima or Okinawa is the best indication of the enemy's plight as far as his navy or air force is concerned. Iwo is 750 miles southeast of Tokyo and Okinawa is less than 400 miles south of the main Jap island of Kyushu.

Okinawa is the best base seized in the Navy's spectacular march through the Central Pacific and is much nearer to the Nip homeland than the Philippines. The 60-mile long island is more than twice the size of Guam.

Tough Blockade

Its seizure so soon after the capture of Luzon in the Philippines clamped an aerial and sea blockade on the vital Jap held island of Formosa and drove a wedge deep into the enemy's supply lines to the south.

From Okinawa all types of American land planes—fighters, medium and heavy bombers—will be able to take off in increasing numbers for around the clock bombing of Japanese cities which already have been hit hard by Superforts and carrier planes.

Just how long the Japanese can take the aerial pounding Germany did before she began to crack remains to be seen.

Rhine Span Is Really Old Waterloo Bridge

LONDON, May 29 (INS)—The bridge that now spans the Rhine at Remagen should be a familiar one to Londoners. It's the temporary Waterloo Bridge, used for 17 years in London until the permanent Waterloo Bridge was opened in 1942.

After the capture of Antwerp, the bridge was dismantled and shipped across the Channel, ready for any emergency use. It's time came when the Remagen Bridge collapsed. Section by section the temporary, Waterloo Bridge was rushed to the scene and within a week it was in use.

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Terry and the Pirates

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By Milt Caniff

4/30
IS IT NOT CLEAR SIRE? A CHINESE OCEAN-GOING JUNK APPROACHES UNDER THE YANKEE FLAG!
OUR COMMANDER HAS BEEN DRUNK SINCE HE WAS DEMOTED AND PUT IN CHARGE OF THIS HUMBLE CRAFT!
WHY HASN'T HE THE COURAGE TO COMMIT HARA-KIRI? FIRST HE WAS DRUNK—THEN WE PICKED UP THE YANKEE GIRL—NOW THIS!
OUR COMMANDER BEATS THE GIRL TO SOOTHE HIS OWN HURT AT BEING BROKEN IN OUR NAVY!
CLEAR FOR ACTION, YOU SONS OF TURTLES! HOSE THE DECKS!... WE WILL DESTROY THAT MISERABLE SKIFF WITH OUR FIVE-INCH GUNS!
BUT, SIRE, WE HAVE NO HOSE AND NO FIVE-INCH GUNS! DO YOU NOT REMEMBER THAT THIS IS MERELY A FISHING BOAT?
VERY WELL, THROW A FISH AT THEM AND BRING ME ANOTHER BOTTLE OF SAKE!
MILTON CANIFF

She's Not a Bad Actress, Her Studio Says

Ramsay Ames' costume is part leopard skin and part bare skin. GIs liked the bare skin part so well that they squawked when they learned Ramsay had become a full-fledged actress and no longer posed for cheesecake shots. Anyway, that's the story her press agent sent along with this latest leg-art picture. —Wide World

Father Celebrates When GI Son Is Exonerated in Court-Martial

WORCESTER, Mass., May 29 (ANS)—Joe McGee wore a broad grin Saturday as he celebrated the restoration to duty of his soldier son, Pvt. Joseph E. McGee, who was sentenced to two years hard labor and dishonorably discharged for allegedly punching German PWs in France last fall.

The elder Joe was planning a big homecoming for his 23-year-old son, whom he hasn't seen for 19 months and who left disciplinary barracks at Ft. Harrison, Ind., Saturday afternoon. Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson personally reviewed McGee's case after a protest, started by Fred A. Jones, Worcester police officer, had been passed on to the War Department by Rep. John W. McCormack. (D-Mass.).

Pvt. McGee was courtmartialed at Lemans, France, Oct. 17, 1944, on charges of hitting nine Nazi prisoners at a stockade somewhere in France. He pleaded innocent of the PW's charges that he struck them with his hand and in one instance used a club. The court-martial found him guilty of violating the Geneva convention.

In reviewing the case, Patterson termed the sentence "excessive." The WD announced it had cancelled out further punishment for McGee, had revoked his discharge and restored him to duty.

Within a short time of the WD's finding, McGee was on his way East under orders to report to the 1st Service Command Hq. in Boston.

Mobster Slain In Chicago

CHICAGO, May 29 (ANS)—Chicago's gangland warfare, comparatively silent in wartime, flared anew in a South Side saloon Friday night as a shotgun assassin ended the 20-year hoodlum career of James (Red) Fawcett, a dapper 44-year-old former member of the old Capone gang.

Fawcett had left a table where he was sitting with his wife presumeably to make a telephone call from a booth in the rear of the tavern. On his way, the killer, who was believed to have a companion, thrust a double-barreled shotgun through a rear screen door at shoulder level and fired twice.

Slugs from one charge blasted Fawcett's head, while the second shot whistled through the saloon, sending 20 patrons running in to the street. As Fawcett toppled dead upon the floor, his wife threw herself on his body, screaming hysterically.

Police have found no witnesses able to identify the slayer.

6.5 Million Tons Of Shipping Sunk

MOBILE, Ala., May 29 (ANS)—More than 6,500,000 tons of American shipping have been lost since the war began in Europe in 1939, Vice Adm. Emory S. Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, reported.

He said this figure represented more than half of the entire prewar merchant fleet but that the loss had been made up seven times over by construction in U.S. shipyards of approximately 56,000,000,000 deadweight tons.

Rankin Wants Doctor Draft For Vet Agency

WASHINGTON, May 29 (ANS)—A wartime draft to provide medical personnel for the Veterans Administration was called for in legislation introduced by Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss.) after a conference with President Truman and Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, VA head.

Rankin, who is chairman of the House Veterans Committee, told reporters that the legislation had the backing "in principle" of the President.

He said his bill, by eliminating the requirement that VA obtain most of its medical personnel through Civil Service, would enable the administration to improve its medical organization. The measure proposes to establish a Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, within the VA, and give it a status similar to that of the Army and Navy Medical Corps.

Rankin said the Veterans Committee would start hearings on the bill today and have it ready for consideration by the House next week.

Home Seekers Jam FHA Office in LA

LOS ANGELES, May 29 (ANS)—More than 400 prospective homebuilders swamped local offices of the Federal Housing Administration as the priority lid on moderate priced homes was eased for the first time since the war began. The long line of persons, some of whom had been waiting since Friday, included contractors who were permitted to apply for 25 units each as well as hardy individuals who were determined to build their own.

An FHA official said the original plan was to allot 1,100 priority releases out of a total of 6,000 to be granted during the next six months, but interest was so great that "we decided to take them all and let Washington figure out what to do."

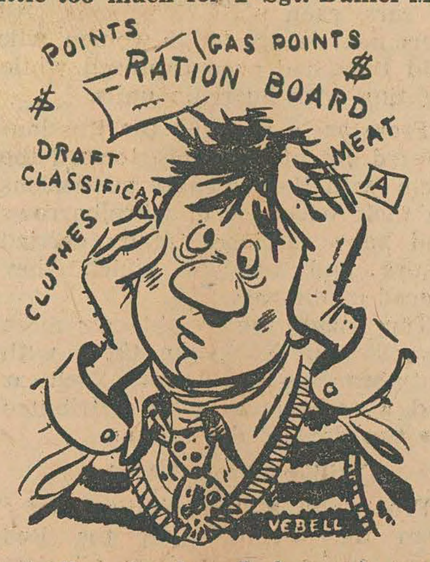
Philadelphia Enters Bid

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29 (ANS)—Philadelphia made a formal bid to become the permanent home of the International Security Organization being discussed at the United Nations Conference.

A delegation of five Philadelphians handed a hand-embossed invitation to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, who said he would present the invitation to the proper authorities at the proper time.

Change From ODs to Civvies Flabbergasts Former Veteran

HARTFORD, Conn., May 29 (ANS)—The transition from a soldier back to a civilian was apparently a little too much for T-Sgt. Daniel M. Killoran, 30, who was just discharged from the Army under the point system.

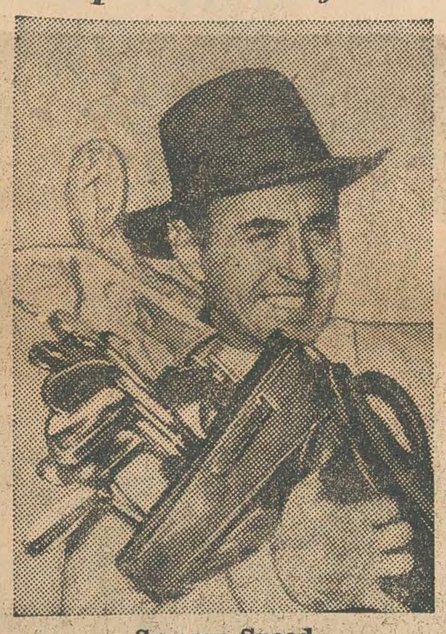


Killoran, who served in Australia, Hollandia, and the Philippines, was "bewildered" by the routine of the civilian and suggested "basic training before we become civilians."

"I still am bewildered," he said. "I have to go to the ration board, draft board and tailors. I have to get meat points, canned food and gasoline points. I have to get a new draft classification for discharged veterans and I have to get all my civilian clothes altered.

"I have to take a test for my drivers license because they are scared I might be nervous. I don't recognize Hartford streets without trolley tracks. I have to get acquainted with two new nephews and a niece."

Trips Lord Byron



Sammy Snead

Snead 1 Stroke Ahead of Nelson In Dream Golf

NEW YORK, May 29 (ANS)—Slammin' Sammy Snead defeated Byron Nelson, king of the winter and summer circuit, by a stroke in the 36-hole medal play, half of their 72-hole benefit test for the "unofficial" golf championship at Fresh Meadows yesterday.

Snead carded a 70-73 while Nelson fired a 73-71 over the par 70 layout. Snead gained his stroke margin during the morning round and increased his advantage to two strokes at the 35th. But Lord Byron cut the margin on the next hole as Snead went one over par.

A crowd of 6,000 followed the pair, playing for the PGA Rehabilitation Fund. The final 36 holes will be staged at match play today at the Essex Country Club, West Orange, N.J.

300th QM Softball Team Tops 3rd Hq.

The 300th QM Salvage Repair Co. scored its 14th straight softball victory Monday night defeating 3rd Army Hq., 6-1, with Jimmy Eastman, of Omaha, Neb., pitching.

Christy Matz, manager of the 300th, is seeking games with GI outfits in Southern Germany. Write to him at APO 403.

Leading players on the team are Mike Sylvester, of Cincinnati; Ben Bassetti, of Youngstown, Ohio; Ed Barrett, of Cleveland, and Pitcher Schaeffer.

The 759th MP Bn., Co. D, softball team challenges any GI softball team in the Germany zone. Write to Pfc Robert J. Miller, APO 758.

Illini Track Champions

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., May 29 (ANS)—In one of the most surprising upsets in Big Ten Conference track history, Illinois scored 65½ points Saturday to take the crown from highly-favored Michigan, second with 54½ points. George Walker, Negro hurdler, and Bob Kelly, 440 and half-miler, featured for the victors.

Sonja Henie Gave 45 Grand to Norse

OSLO, Norway, May 29—Sonja Henie, famous Ice Follies skater and international champion, personally contributed 45,000 dollars for Norwegian relief during the German occupation, Jorgen Juve, Oslo sportsman and journalist revealed today.

Juvē said Dan Topping's wife gave to other funds, too, and "her total contributions undoubtedly represent a small fortune."

Pirates Bounce Giants Twice; Yanks Cop Two

Pittsburgh's double victory over the red hot New York Giants, a feat which enabled the Bucs to climb into third place half a game behind the tottering Dodgers, featured the National League Sunday schedule of doubleheaders. The Pirates plastered the Giants, 16-5, 10-4, while Brooklyn was losing to the Cubs, 6-1. The second Cubs-Dodgers game ended in a 2-2 tie, darkness halting the contest.

The last-place Phils turned on the St. Louis Cardinals for a twin triumph, 2-0, 3-2, causing the Cards to landslide into the second division. Boston beat Cincinnati, 4-0, then lost, 5-0, in the remaining senior circuit games.

Yanks Beat Browns

The Yankees defeated the St. Louis Browns, 10-9, 3-1, for one of the three clean sweeps registered in the American League. Cleveland trimmed the Athletics by identical scores in both games, 8-3, The defeats marked the 19th in the last 24 games for Connie Mack's team. The Boston Red Sox trimmed the Chicago White Sox in both ends of their twin bill, 7-2, 2-1, and Detroit and Washington split, the Tigers winning the opener, 3-1, while the Nats copped the nightcap, 2-1.

Bradley Seeks 5th Derby Ace

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 29 (AP)—E. R. Bradley, only owner to get four Kentucky Derby winners, will be trying for his fifth triumph in the turf classic on June 9th.

He has nominated two of his best three-year-olds, Burning Dream and Bail Bond, for the 71st running of the Derby at Churchill Downs. If they should go to the post and one of the two wins, Col. Bradley would become the world's outstanding classic winner.

Burning Dream Wins

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 29—Col. Ed. Bradley's hope for a fifth Derby winner brightened considerably yesterday after his Burning Dream won the mile Derby trial handicap at Churchill Downs.

Durocher Foregoes Bonus on Bench

CHICAGO, May 29 (ANS)—Manager Leo Durocher, Brooklyn's loquacious leader yesterday booted a chance to earn a thousand-dollar bonus when he announced he had taken himself off the active player list.

Leo Durocher

Branch Rickey had offered Lippy the bonus if he played 15 complete games all season. Durocher played shortstop through the opening game, but removed himself for a pinch-hitter in the second contest of the year. He hadn't played since then.

National League

Pittsburgh 16, New York 5 (1st.)
Pittsburgh 10, New York 4 (2nd.)
Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 0 (1st.)
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2 (2nd.)
Chicago 6, Brooklyn 1 (1st.)
Chicago 2, Brooklyn 2 (2nd. game, called darkness)
Boston 4, Cincinnati 0 (1st.)
Cincinnati 5, Boston 0 (2nd.)

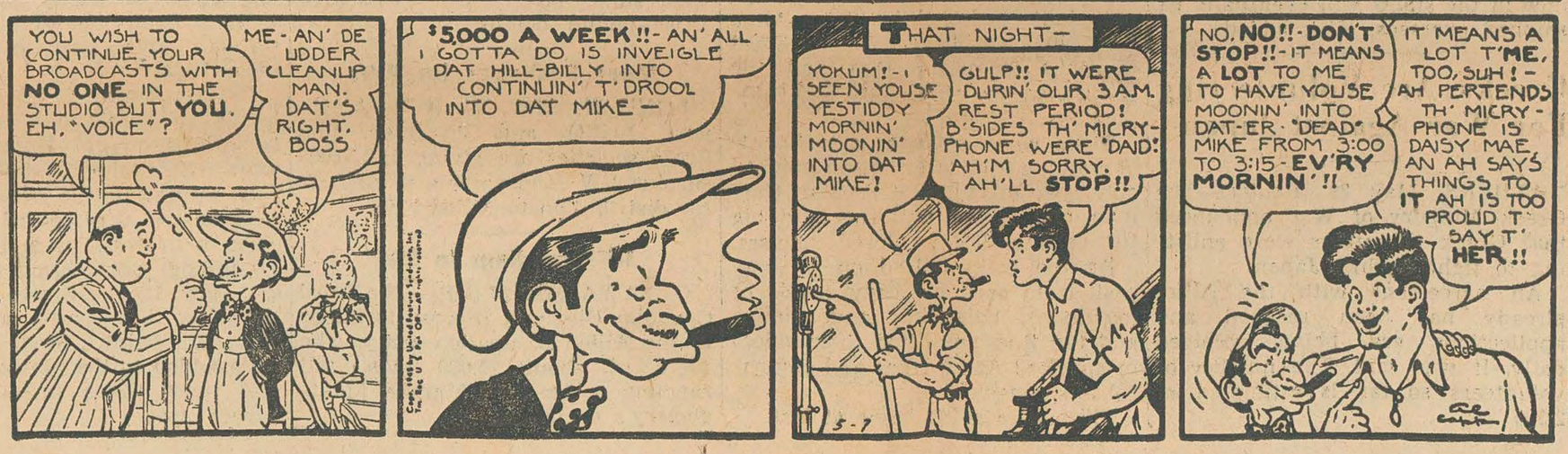
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
New York	25	9	.735	St. Louis	17	16	.515
Brooklyn	18	14	.563	Boston	12	17	.414
Pitts.	17	14	.548	Cinc'ati	11	18	.380
Chicago	16	14	.533	Phila.	10	24	.294

American League

New York 10, St. Louis 9 (1st.)
New York 3, St. Louis 1 (2nd.)
Detroit 3, Washington 1 (1st.)
Washington 2, Detroit 1 (2nd.)
Cleveland 8, Philadelphia 3 (1st.)
Cleveland 8, Philadelphia 3 (2nd.)
Boston 7, Chicago 0 (1st.)
Boston 2, Chicago 1 (2nd.)

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
New York	20	11	.645	Cleve.	14	14	.500
Detroit	17	11	.607	Wash.	13	18	.452
Chicago	15	13	.536	Boston	13	17	.433
St. Louis	15	13	.536	Phila.	11	21	.334

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp


YOU WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR BROADCASTS WITH NO ONE IN THE STUDIO BUT YOU. EH, "VOICE"?
ME-AN' DE UDDER CLEANUP MAN. DAT'S RIGHT, BOSS
$5,000 A WEEK!!-AN' ALL I GOTTA DO IS INVEIGLE DAT HILL-BILLY INTO CONTINUIN' T' DROOL INTO DAT MIKE—
THAT NIGHT—
YOKUM!-I SEEN YOUSE YESTIDDY MORNIN' MOONIN' INTO DAT MIKE!
GULP!! IT WERE DURIN' OUR 3 A.M. REST PERIOD! B'SIDES TH' MICRY-PHONE WERE "DAID" AH'M SORRY. AH'LL STOP!!
NO, NO!!-DON'T STOP!!-IT MEANS A LOT TO ME TO HAVE YOUSE MOONIN' INTO DAT-ER-"DEAD" MIKE FROM 3:00 TO 3:15-EV'RY MORNIN'!!
IT MEANS A LOT T'ME, TOO, SUH!-AH PERTENDS TH' MICRY-PHONE IS DAISY MAE AN AH SAYS THINGS TO IT AH IS TOO PROUD T' SAY T' HER!!
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The Long Trek Home From Germany

Italian prisoners of the Germans, released by the 7th Army in southern Germany, begin their long trip home—on foot. They are part of the estimated three million DPs still in occupied Germany.
—163d Signal Photo by Gretz

Thousands of DPs Swarm Home In Greatest Repatriation Program

DPs Still in Occupied Reich Estimated at Three Million

The greatest repatriation program of modern times was in full swing yesterday as hundreds of thousands of ex-slaves and PWs taken by the Nazis flowed back to their native lands in eastern and western Europe.

The mass movement of men, women and children across Europe is being managed jointly by the western Allies and Russians under a repatriation agreement negotiated earlier last week at Leipzig.

En route to Russia by train from the Rhineland Occupation Zone of Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow's U.S. 15th Army were Russians, the vanguard of 70,000 displaced persons and captives in Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey's 23d Corps Area alone. They were the first Russian military and civilian prisoners to start the long trek back to the east. The trains which take them to the Russian zone of occupation will return with displaced western Europeans.

Million Already Repatriated

Size of the repatriation job can be measured by official estimates that nearly three million displaced persons, mostly eastern Europeans, remain in Allied-occupied Germany.

More than one million western Europeans found in the SHAEF zone already have been repatriated according to Brig. Gen. S. R. Mickelsen, chief of G5's displaced persons' branch. Of these, 834,307 were French, 145,207 Belgian, 89,600 Dutch and 2,713 Luxembourgeois.

Of the nearly three million persons waiting to go home, approximately 2,300,000 are being cared for in camps operated by Allied armies with the assistance of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. UNRRA has 170 teams in Germany working with G-5.

Another half million DPs are still wandering at large. Until they are brought into assembly areas, no accurate count of the total number of displaced persons can be made.

New Clothing for Pacific

HAWAII, May 29 (ANS)—American soldiers in the Pacific, used to fighting the Japanese in jungle heat, will soon be issued all-purpose clothing capable of withstanding 20-below-zero temperatures for use in striking at Japan's inner fortress. The garments are fashioned on the layer principle.

Royal Gems Saved By Peoples' Revolt Against Prague Foe

PRAGUE, May 29—The people's uprising against the Nazis in Prague early this month was responsible for the preservation of the priceless coronation jewels of the kings of Bohemia.

The jewels, which are traditionally locked up in the inner vault of St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, were found to be missing when the government of President Edward Benes returned last week. An intensive search was started and the jewels were found in Prague's Czernin palace.

It was believed that the sudden assault of the Czech underground upon the Nazi garrison, which drove the Germans from the central part of the city, had frustrated plans for stealing the jewels.

Among the jewels is the crown of the Bohemian kings, of 18 karat gold and weighing seven pounds, and the Golden Apple of the Holy Roman Emperor.

Discharges Now For Medics Out

No Army Medical Department personnel will be released immediately, although some may be discharged by the end of the year, Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army surgeon general, announced in Washington yesterday.

He pointed out the peak load for the Army Medical Corps would come this fall, presumably with the return of sick and wounded servicemen from Europe.

Special training is being given Army doctors to combat tropical diseases in the Pacific, he said, and the malaria rate has been cut three quarters since the start of the war.

Some 14,000 to 15,000 Army doctors now in the states will eventually be shipped overseas, Kirk added.

Greeks Are Volunteering For War Against Japan

ATHENS, May 29 (Reuter)—The Greek Ministry of War announced that Greek volunteers were enlisting to fight against Japan.

An agreement with the Allies already has been reached and applications are being received daily, it was said. The number of volunteers so far is estimated at 2,500.

First Russian Group Goes in Exchange For Other PWs

By PAUL GREEN
Staff Writer

WITH THE 15TH ARMY, May 29—Two trains chugging out of opposite ends of the Rhineland today carried almost 3,000 Russian nationals on their way home. They are among the first to be sent back under the scheme by which they will be exchanged for western Europeans in Russian-occupied Germany.

From Wesel, up in the Ruhr, 1,450 Russians, mostly war prisioners, pulled out this morning for the two-day trip to Magdeburg on the Elbe. They were preceded by 1,500 others who left from Homburg, 'way down in the Saar, en route to Leipzig.

These towns will be used as staging areas where Russian DPs will be brought from all over this Army's area and shipped out at an expected rate of 2,000 daily from each camp.

15 Women Included

The "Hammer and Sickle Special" at Wesel was a colorful caravan of 58 cars, each with 25 persons. All were men except for 15 women, who said they had been captured while fighting with guerrilla units.

From early morning the Russians poured out of the camp toward the train with their meager possessions on their backs or in wheelbarrows and baby carriages. Many carried chairs and benches which they placed in the cars.

They made the freight cars more homelike by decorating them with leafy branches and flowers. Each car had a commander who distributed the two days of dry rations.

Civilians From Ukraine

Practically all the civilians were from the Ukraine, but the Red Army soldiers came from all over the Soviet Union. There were brawny big-shouldered men from the steppes, slant-eyed Tadjiks from Alma Ata in Tashkent, mustachioed Cossacks from the Don and the Kuban, people of all hues and complexions.

They wore strange assortments of clothing from tattered and patched civvies to mixtures of Russian, German and Allied uniforms and big fur caps and gay-colored blouses.

As the train puffed on its way east, from each car came music of mandolins, balalaikas and violins and the Russians lifted their voices in gay Red Army tunes and mournful folk songs.

They were going home at last.

Hitler's Sister Paula Is Hoping World Will Forget Family Tie

By HOWARD BYRNE, Staff Writer

BERCHTESGADEN, May 29—Paula Hitler, sister of Adolf Hitler, gave an exclusive interview today to The Stars and Stripes in the snug mountain retreat of Dietrich Eckart, Nazi poet dearest to her brother's heart. It was the first time Paula had talked to newsmen and she hoped it would be the last. Paula does not want publicity.

Under house arrest here, her greatest hope is that the world will forget that Hitler ever had a sister. Even during the days of her brother's triumphs she tried as much as possible to stay out of the limelight and lead her own private life. In fact, S/Sgt. George Allen of Philadelphia, who discovered her yesterday, said even members of the German family she lives with had no idea who she was and were astonished when they found out.

Paula does not look enough like Adolf so that you would recognize her at once. But, once one knows who she is, the resemblance is there all right. The bone structure of her face is the same as Hitler's and in profile they are strikingly alike.

Like Any Housewife

Paula has reddish hair and blue eyes, was nicely dressed, and seemed younger than her 49 years. She shows no egocentric or neurotic character traits and looks and talks like any normal, matronly, middle-class housewife. She broke into tears when discovered yesterday and said, "I am not responsible for what my brother did. In fact, I seldom saw him and never had anything to do with politics at all. I changed my name to Mrs. Paula Wolf in 1936 at his request and always led my own private life.

Paula said Hitler had no family sense and seldom wrote either to her or his other sister Angela, who is married to Prof. Hamitzsch and lived in Dresden. Once each year Paula received a four-line letter from Hitler and a small food package. Last year he sent her a ham.

Worked as Typist

Paula has always lived in Austria and before her brother became famous worked inconspicuously as a typist in an insurance office in Vienna. But when the Nazis began to threaten Austria she was fired. From then on she said Hitler, at her insistence, had given her 250 marks a month.

From 1938 on he raised her allowance to 500 marks monthly. He did this because he did not want her to work, but she said she worked anyway as a part-time typist because she did not like being idle.

In Brief . . .

Reds Still Get U.S. Aid

TEHERAN, May 29 (UP)—Although the bulk of American aid-to-Russia shipments has been diverted from the Persian Gulf route and the Black Sea, a small amount of Russian cargo is still going through the Persian corridor. Forty-five ships recently arrived and were unloaded at Persian Gulf ports in one month.

Atlantic Convoys End

LONDON, May 29 (UP)—The war in the Atlantic definitely ended last night with an announcement by the Admiralty that beginning at midnight convoys in non-combat areas would not be necessary. It added that by night they could burn navigation lights at full brilliancy and need not darken ship.

1,000 Lost on Tirpitz

LONDON, May 29 (UP)—The Air Ministry announced today that an RAF mission, just returned from investigating the 45,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz in a Norwegian fjord, reported that 1,000 German sailors were lost when the ship was sunk last winter by RAF 12,000-pound bombs.

More Packages for PWs

LONDON, May 29 (UP)—American, British and Dominion Red Cross societies are giving 15,500,000 surplus PW food parcels to SHAEF for distribution to Allied PWs.

3d Canadians to Stay

OTTAWA, May 29 (UP)—The Third Canadian Div. will represent Canada in the Allied occupation army. The force of about 25,000 men will function under Field Marshal Montgomery's command.

Frisco Revises Trade Clause To Satisfy U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29 (AP)—The United Nations Conference committee studying veto powers in the proposed world league drastically revised the Australian proposal on international cooperation after a blunt warning that the United States did not intend to permit interference in its internal affairs.

The Australians had won committee approval of a plan whereby each state was pledged to "separate and joint action" to achieve the purposes of the proposed social and economic council of the new world league.

Eighteen members of the council would be set up to facilitate solutions of economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems. Under the original Australian proposal the member nations would pledge themselves to take action at home and through the world assembly to better economic conditions.

After a speech by John Foster Dulles, adviser to the American delegation, the committee rewrote the pledge in American-sponsored words to state that "all members undertake to cooperate jointly and separately" with the objectives set forth for the council.

In forceful language Dulles was reported to have said the U.S. delegates were getting a little tired of having other countries tell them how to maintain what he contended were the highest standards of living and the greatest measure of personal freedom in the world.

50,000 a Month Will Fly Home

WASHINGTON, May 29 (ANS)—The homeward flow of U.S. soldiers from the ETO by airplane soon will reach a peak of 50,000 men a month, requiring a flight across the Atlantic every six minutes, the War Department announced yesterday.

In addition to the huge transports which are flying veterans to such air terminals as LaGuardia Field in New York and the 36th Street Airport in Miami, 100 to 125 tactical planes soon will be flying home daily, piloted by the crews which took them into combat over a reverse of the same routes.

Hunter Field, Savannah, and Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn., are the main ports of entry for returning tactical planes.

200 Land at Miami

MIAMI, May 29 (ANS)—More than 200 veterans, including 1st and 5th Army men and some of Merrill's Marauders from the CBI, arrived here today in Air Transport Command planes.

The men are on the way home for furloughs, reassignment or discharge under the point system. Virtually all branches of the ground and air forces were represented.

Brass Bands Ready To Greet ETO Vets

NEW YORK, May 29 (ANS)—A full-scale homecoming salute, complete with brass bands and booming guns, is being prepared for soldiers from the ETO redeploying through this port in the next several days.

Boats containing WAC and Army bands will sail out to meet all troopships. Fort Hamilton. N.J., guns, silent during the war, will roar salutes to the incoming ships, with harbor tugs contributing more noise with whistles and fog horns.

Landing piers throughout Brooklyn, New Jersey, Staten Island and the New York area got a fresh coat of paint, fresh floodlights were added to the Statue of Liberty and more lights installed in the harbor area.